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SUBJ: SPECIAL SAHEL GRANT TO AFDB

REFS: A. RABAT 3135; B. STATE 178482; C. STATE 167156

1. SINCE RECEIPT REF A THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMUNICATION FROM THE AFDB REGARDING ALLOCATING AID SPECIAL SAHEL GRANT TO AFDB SPECIAL SAHEL FUND. INQUIRIES TO THE BANK INDICATE THAT THE AFDB SPECIAL FUND IS IN AN EMBRYONIC STAGE. THE SPECIAL FUND WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE LUSAKA 1973 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING. OVER 50 PCT CAME FROM AFDB'S OWN RESOURCES AND BALANCE WAS CONTRIBUTED BY SUDAN, SOMALIA, NIGERIA, ALGERIA, ALGERIA, ZAMBIA AND TUNISIA AND POSSIBLY LIBYA. (ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY LATTER). AT THE END OF FY 1973 IT HAD 554,066 UNITS OF ACCOUNT (APPROX \$665,000). ONLY KNOWN USE TO DATE IS PURCHASE OF TRUCKS FOR RELIEF PURPOSES.

2. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT AFDB HAS MADE NO FORMAL REQUEST THAT AID FUNDS GO INTO AFDB SPECIAL SAHEL FUND AND THAT AFDB'S THINKING DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE CRYSTALLIZED ON USES AND PROCEDURES OF THE SPECIAL FUND, WE URGE AID/W TO PROCEED WITH AUTHORIZATION OF THE GRANT AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED; I.E. THAT IT WILL GO TO THE AFDB AND NOT TO A SPECIAL FUND. OTHERWISE GRANT COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE HELD UP FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD AWAITING FUTURE

CLARIFICATION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, FUNDING SOURCES, ETC.
OF BANK'S SPECIAL FUND. IF AFDB SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTS
THAT AID GRANT BE ALLOCATED TO AFDB SPECIAL FUND,
CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO AMENDMENT OF GRANT AGREEMENT.

3. WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION RAISED PARA 2, REF C: GRANT AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT FUNDS MAY BE USED FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE QTE: SAHEL REGION UNQTE. GRANT FURTHER STATES THE SAHEL REGION SHALL BE DEFINED FROM TIME TO TIME IN SEPARATE LETTERS OF IMPLEMENTATION. AFDB WAS INFORMED THAT ANY COUNTRY ELIGIBLE UNDER THE CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING.

4. ASSUMPTION MADE LAST SENTENCE PARA 2 REF C) IS CORRECT. SMITH

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